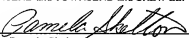


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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, which set March 13, 2006 as the initial deadline for response. Accordingly, a Petition for a two-month extension of time until May 13, 2006 is enclosed herewith, and this Response is believed to be timely filed.

Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.